

Milwaukee County Personnel Review Board

Meeting Minutes – July 25, 2023

I. Roll Call

Board President David Kern called to order the regular meeting of the Personnel Review Board at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2023. The meeting was held telephonically.

The following Board Members were present: Mr. David Kern, Ms. Phoebe Williams, Mr. Daniel Dennehy and Mr. Greg Renz. Ms. Yovira Moroney was excused.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the July 11, 2023 Meeting

Mr. Renz moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board by unanimous vote (4-0) approved the minutes of the July 11, 2023, meeting.

III. Communications and/or comments from the public, if any.

None.

IV. Correspondence

None.

V. 2024 Operating Budget

Mr. Adam Gilmore, PRB Administrator, informed the Board that the 2024 operating budget proposal for the Board's office has been submitted to the County Executive and Budget Office. The office's tax levy saw a slight increase, allowing the office to plan for an announced 2024 cost-of-living adjustment to salaries county-wide, as well as add a buffer to the legal fees budget lines for the Board, Civil Service Commission ("CSC") and Ethics Board. The salaries of office staff and board member stipends comprised 77% of the budget request, legal fees for the Board, CSC and Ethics Board 15%, and the remaining office costs made up the remaining 8%.

VI. First Appearances

A. DISCHARGE

JORDON ROBISON, DEPUTY SHERIFF, SHERIFF

Case #2-4808 dated 07/07/2023 for PS #23-152

The Board heard the report of Attorney Kathryn West, Assistant Corporation Counsel, that the employee and their counsel wish to continue the matter for hearing certain on September 5, 2023.

Mr. Renz moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board, by unanimous vote (4-0), to continue the matter for hearing certain on September 5, 2023.

B. SUSPENSIONS

JOE ANTHONY, CORRECTION OFFICER, SHERIFF

Case #1-4806 dated 07/07/2023 for PS #23-059 for 3 Days

The Board heard the report of Attorney Kathryn West, Assistant Corporation Counsel, that the employee submitted a signed waiver of hearing for the Notice of Suspension.

The Board acknowledged the waiver of hearing for Joe Anthony and closed this case.

THOMAS NISIEWICZ, DEPUTY SHERIFF, SHERIFF

Case #1-4807 dated 07/07/2023 for PS #23-124 for 3 Days

The Board heard the report of Attorney Kathryn West, Assistant Corporation Counsel, that the employee submitted a signed waiver of hearing for the Notice of Suspension.

The Board acknowledged the waiver of hearing for Thomas Nisiewicz and closed this case.

VII. Hearing

A. DISCHARGE

SHAWNA THOMPSON, CLERICAL ASSISANT 1, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Case #2-4800 dated 06/06/2023

The Board heard the report of Attorney Kathryn West, Assistant Corporation Counsel, that the employee, Shawn Thompson, resigned from County service effective July 18, 2023.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Shawna Thompson and closed this case.

VIII. Review and Discussion of Open Appeal

At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Renz moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to go into closed session to review and discuss the open appeal. At 9:13 a.m., the Board reconvened in open session.

IX. Adjourn

Mr. Renz moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board, by unanimous vote (4-0), adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Alisha Terry, PRB Paralegal